

II. REMARKS

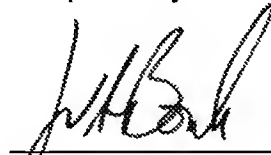
The Amendment amends the specification and claims 1-8. The claim amendments are for clarifying claimed subject matter and not for overcoming prior art. Claims 1-8 are pending in the Application.

The Amendment is intended to eliminate all multiply-dependent claims. If the Amendment fails to eliminate all multiply-dependent claims, the undersigned authorizes the Examiner to amend each such multiply-dependent claim to depend from the base claim, or intervening claim closest to the base claim, from which the multiply-dependent claim depends.

Applicant respectfully submits that this Application is in condition for allowance. If such is not the case, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned to resolve remaining issues.

If filing this paper or any accompanying paper necessitates fees not otherwise provided, the undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to deduct same from Deposit Account No. 50-3757.

Respectfully Submitted,



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